

# New bridge planned on Columbia

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PROVO — A bridge on Columbia Lane will soon be replaced with a structure over twice its size, helping alleviate traffic congestion in the area.

"It's just simply becoming a severe bottleneck on Columbia Lane," said City Engineer Nick Jones.

Work will begin on the bridge June 22 and will take 75 working days to complete, extending the project into October. Jones said the bridge would be closed to traffic for nearly the entire time.

The bridge spans the Provo River at approximately 600 West Columbia Lane.

Construction was originally scheduled to begin in mid-April, but was delayed to avoid disturbing the June sucker, an endangered species of fish in the river. The June sucker cannot be disturbed between May 15 and June 30, Jones said.



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This bridge spanning the Provo River on Columbia Lane will be replaced with a larger bridge this summer to allow better traffic flow.



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through the bridge's frame is structurally sound, concrete sides is beginning to crum- The deck has deteriorated bad- Jones said. Reinforced con- beams will be used in the new Riverside Avenue will remain open to traffic. Costs will reach approximately \$978,000 for the entire project, he said, with Provo city paying for the road expansion. The bridge itself will cost about \$660,000. Provo

the construction process as much as possible. Similar projects usual- ly take eight to nine months to complete. "We didn't want to interrupt businesses any more than we abso- lutely have to," Jones said. Some business owners were concerned that the project would eliminate parking on Columbia Lane, he said. The road widening will not affect diagonal parking at area businesses.

and the American Civil Liberties Union, Williams said. "It may be called ACLU psy- rationists' lawsuit against Salt The ACLU supported the sepa-

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